STATE OF MONTANA OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 39-06

EXECUTIVE ORDER PROCLAIMING A DISASTER TO EXIST IN RAVALLI COUNTY, MONTANA

WHEREAS, on November 5 and 6, 2006, a weather system produced excessive rain and melting snow in Ravalli County, Montana, and

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2006 floodwaters caused extensive damage to Kootenai Creek Bridge in Ravalli County, and

WHEREAS, Ravalli County road personnel did emergency repairs and installed a temporary bridge at this site to provide access for emergency personnel, and to provide residents with a way to access essential services, and

WHEREAS, the structural integrity of the Kootenai Creek bridge is jeopardized, and permanent repairs or replacement is necessary to continue to provide access for health, safety and welfare to the residents in this jurisdiction, and

WHEREAS, the above jurisdiction, anticipating that problems resulting from these damages would exceed the county's ordinary capability to finance, has declared an emergency or disaster, and levied the two (2) mill emergency levy; and

WHEREAS, the Ravalli County Commissioners have sent the Governor a letter requesting supplemental disaster relief from the state; and

WHEREAS, the availability and utilization of all necessary state government services, equipment and supplies under this proclamation will further the efforts to protect health and safety and to preserve the lives, property and resources of the people of Ravalli County and the State of Montana; and

WHEREAS, a proclamation of a disaster authorizes the Governor under Section 10-3-311, MCA, to expend funds from the general fund to meet contingencies and needs arising from these conditions.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Brian Schweitzer, Governor of the State of Montana, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor under the Constitution of the State of Montana, Title 10, Chapter 3, MCA, and under other applicable statutes, do hereby declare that a disaster exists in Ravalli County, State of Montana.

This Order is effective November 7, 2006.

GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT SEAL of the State of Montana, this 20th day of December 2006.

BRIAN SCHWEITZER, Governor

ATTEST: Mak A. Seminh for BRAD JOHNSON, Secretary of State